

to discuss the upcoming elections in Iraq. He then had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, the President met with Attorney General John Ashcroft. Later, he met with Defense Minister Sergey Borisovich Ivanov of Russia.

Later in the afternoon, the President participated in an interview with *The Washington Times*.

The President announced his intention to nominate Michael Chertoff to be Secretary of Homeland Security.

The President declared an emergency in Indiana and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by record/near record snow on December 21–23, 2004.

The President declared an emergency in Ohio and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by record snow on December 22–24, 2004.

January 12

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he and Mrs. Bush traveled to Falls Church, VA. Upon arrival at J.E.B. Stuart High School, they met with school officials and international baccalaureate program students.

Later in the morning, the President and Mrs. Bush returned to Washington, DC.

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush participated in an interview with Barbara Walters of ABC's "20/20" show for later broadcast.

January 13

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to Arlington, VA.

Later in the morning, the President returned to Washington, DC.

In the afternoon, in the Roosevelt Room, the President met with teachers and a principal to discuss education priorities. Later, he met with Secretary of State Colin L. Powell.

Later in the afternoon, the President participated in an interview with *USA Today*. He then participated in an interview with representatives of regional media.

The President announced that he has named Jim Towey as Assistant to the President and Director of the Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives.

January 14

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with President Ghazi al-Ujayl al-Yawr of the Iraqi Interim Government to discuss President al-Yawr's visit to Europe and the upcoming elections in Iraq. He then had an intelligence briefing.

Later in the morning, the President traveled to Jacksonville, FL, arriving in the afternoon.

Later in the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC.

The President announced his intention to designate Kent R. Hill as Acting Assistant Administrator for Global Health at the U.S. Agency for International Development.

The President announced his intention to appoint William T. Ryan as a member of the Board of Directors of the Rural Telephone Bank.

The President announced his intention to nominate David A. Balton for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Oceans and Fisheries.

The President announced his intention to nominate Joseph R. DeTrani for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Special Envoy for the Six Party Talks.

Nominations Submitted to the Senate

NOTE: No nominations were submitted to the Senate during the period covered by this issue.

Checklist of White House Press Releases

The following list contains releases of the Office of the Press Secretary that are neither printed as

items nor covered by entries in the Digest of Other White House Announcements.

Released January 10

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Scott McClellan

Released January 11

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Scott McClellan

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to Indiana

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to Ohio

Released January 12

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Scott McClellan

Fact sheet: No Child Left Behind: High-Quality, High School Initiatives

Released January 13

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Scott McClellan

Released January 14

Transcript of a press gaggle by Press Secretary Scott McClellan

Fact sheet: Strengthening Higher Education for a Successful Workforce

**Acts Approved
by the President**

NOTE: No acts approved by the President were received by the Office of the Federal Register during the period covered by this issue.